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YOUNG FOLKS' COLUMN.

SOME OF THE STRANGE PLACES IN WHICH ROBINS BUILD NESTS.

An Interesting French Game that May Be Played Indoors—See Saw and the Verses Sometimes Reported by "Jack-O'-Both-Sides."

The amusement of "See Saw," to be quite safe and pleasant to every body concerned, ought to have the stent plank on which the players sit very nicely balanced over some low object, such as a fallen tree or wall. Two players then take their seats on the plank, one at each end, while a third stations himself on the middle of it. The name of this third player is in some places "Jack-O'-both-sides," and in others "Pudding."



As the players by turns make slight springs from their toes, they are each alternately elevated and depressed, and it is the duty of Jack-O'-both-sides to assist these movements by bearing all his weight on the foot on the highest end of the plank beyond the center of the tree or wall on which it rests.

The following verses are sometimes repeated by Jack-O'-both-sides in see saw:

See, saw, scordown,
Which is the way to London town?
One foot up, the other down,
That is the way to London town.

See, saw, Margery Dow,
Jack shall have a new master;
He shall have but a penny a day,
Because he can't work faster.

In our cut Jack-O'-both-sides has deserted his post and is assisting with his playmates to keep the little girl on the elevated end of the see saw, high in the air, against her own wishes.

Walk, Madam, Walk.
This is a game known in France under the name of "Hirondelle" that reminds one of the ordeal of the Saxon princess, who was compelled to walk over heated plowshares. One boy is selected as "Madam" and blindfolded. He stands with his legs wide apart, colossal fashion, and the other players having tied knots in their handkerchiefs jerk these through his legs. When all the pocket handkerchiefs have been thrown and are lying scattered around the players cry out: "Walk, madam, walk," and the blindfolded madam walks to and fro accordingly until he treads on one of the handkerchiefs. Hereupon all the rest snatch up theirs, and the unhappy owner of the trodden handkerchief has to run once round the playground, persecuted by the rest with the knotted handkerchiefs, which they vigorously ply upon him. Then he is blindfolded as "Madam" and the game begins again.

Robins and Their Nests.
No bird is better known or dearer to the children than robin red breast. His song is very sweet and pleasing, and as he sings throughout the greater part of the year, continuing till very late in autumn, when all other birds are dull and mute, it must be admitted that he deserves the kind treatment which almost everywhere he receives.



ROBIN RED BREASTS.
The nest of this bird is generally placed near the ground, in some bush or mossy bank; but no bird is so capricious in choosing a corner for his little home as the robin. The writer has found a nest with five eggs in an old watering pan, and has seen another in the pocket of a man's coat which had been left hanging in a stable. But certainly the very strangest place in which a robin's nest could be found was the center of a large cabbage growing in a garden.

Robin is fond of bread and butter, especially if sprinkled with sugar or honey, sweet cake, too, he highly approves of, but when foraging for himself, flies and other insects are his foods, also earth worms.

The Sensitiveness of the Blind.
Persons who are born blind, deaf, or without the possession of any one or more of the senses, are usually more acute and sensitive in those they possess. I will tell you of a woman at the asylum for the deaf and dumb in Hartford, who was totally blind, deaf and dumb. Though she could neither see, speak nor hear, she could do many things that the most expert or cunning could not accomplish with much practice, and the aid of all their senses. On reception days she would entertain guests by taking a bag, handkerchief, or any small article from any of them, and if there were fifty persons present I never knew her to make a mistake in returning them to the rightful owner. She could sew very neatly. I have often seen this woman accomplish these remarkable feats, and many others as apparently impossible. The sense of smell and of touch were so highly developed that she could tell the color of nearly all the clothing worn by the visitors.

Nothing Easier.
Very soon the candy slips
In between your open lips—
Let sweet thoughts into your mind
Just such ready entrance find.
—St. Nicholas.

To be in fashion nowadays it is not necessary to entirely follow any special style, but select what is adapted to one's personality.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

Antagonistic Action of Cocaine—How to Treat Sore Throat—Food for Invalids.

Cocaine continues to attract much attention, and many new facts concerning it are being disclosed and reported. According to recent German investigations, the drug has a "stimulating effect on the psychic and motor nerve centers, increases the rapidity of breathing, quickens the heart's action, and promotes chemical change going on in the tissues." From its action on the nerve centers, it is declared to be "the best of known stimulants." In this respect it is in marked antagonism to chloral, which "depresses the functional activity of these centers." If an animal has been narcotized by a dose of chloral that would otherwise prove fatal, it can be roused and saved by the injection of a small dose of cocaine.

In regard to temperature, says Popular Science News, this antagonistic action fails. It is well known that chloral tends to lower the animal temperature, while, on the other hand, cocaine tends to raise it. In all other respects the antagonism of the two agents is complete, dangerously large doses of chloral proving harmless after the administration of small doses of cocaine. It is suggested, however, that as the first effect of cocaine, notwithstanding its subsequent action as a stimulant, is to depress the respiratory function, it is advisable, in case of chloral poisoning, to induce artificial respiration for a short time after administering the cocaine.

Cocaine, according to the authority quoted from, is also antagonistic to chloroform and ether, and the inhalation of either of these agents will allay the convulsions due to poisonous doses of cocaine. The severer symptoms having been thus allayed, chloral may be afterward given to keep up the effect. On the other hand, cocaine may be used as an antidote in cases of poisoning by narcotic agents, especially such as cause great depression of the respiratory and cardiac centers. It is added that cocaine is found to be a perfect substitute for strychnine, as it has all the therapeutic activity of that drug, without any of its poisonous qualities.

Food for Dyspeptics.
Meat, game and poultry of every kind for invalids or the dyspeptic, advises The Herald of Health, ought to be served as free from fat as possible. Lamb's feet are recommended as extremely nutritious. These may be purchased ready cleaned (two would be sufficient for a portion); lay them ten minutes in boiling water, which facilitates drawing out the leg bone; then put in a stewpan and pour over a pint of water in which is mixed smoothly a tablespoonful of flour and half as much of salt; place them on the fire, stirring frequently until boiling, when add a small onion, with celery, a parsnip and parsley. Boil gently for two hours. When done serve plain upon a plate, or with a little melted butter and parsley poured over. By using a little white broth from any meat instead of water a delicious soft soup is made which the most delicate can partake of freely. Calves' feet are dressed similarly, but using a double proportion of the ingredients and stewing double time. They are served precisely the same.

Treatment for Chronic Sore Throat.
One of the best remedies for chronic sore throat, says Good Health, is packing the throat over night. On going to bed apply to the throat a towel wet in cold water and wrung as dry as possible, over which put three or four thicknesses of dry flannel, and cover all with oiled silk or muslin. In the morning, remove the bandage, and bathe the throat with equal parts of vinegar and water, or salt and water, a tablespoonful to the quart. Before breakfast, gargle a half pint of water, hot as can be borne. Keep the skin active, and don't take cold.

A Cinder in the Eye.
Nine persons out of every ten with a cinder or any foreign substance in the eye, will instantly begin to rub the eye with one hand, while hunting for their handkerchief with the other. They may, and sometimes do, remove the offending cinder; but more frequently they rub till the eye becomes inflamed, bind a handkerchief around the head, and go to bed. This is all wrong. The better way is, not to rub the eye with the cinder in at all, but rub the other eye as vigorously as you like.

Using Terms of Endearment.
Avoid the use of terms of endearment when you do not mean them. The word "dear" in the mouths of many women of fashion is often nothing more than a feminine way of spelling "detestable." Public kissing every time women meet and part is an objectionable habit. Remember that all public displays of affection are in questionable taste.

Change of Underclothing.
Generally speaking, the oftener one changes the underclothing the better. A great deal of effete matter passes through the skin and is retained in the clothing, thus necessitating a frequent change. There should be nothing worn at night which has been worn during the day.

SOCIAL ETIQUETTE.
Manners and Customs Practiced in Polite Society.
Do not indulge in the habit of letting your lip drop and your mouth remain open. "Shut your mouth" is the advice of a servant who has written a book on the subject. Breathe through your nostrils and not through your mouth; sleep with your mouth closed; keep it closed except when you open it for a purpose. An open mouth indicates feebleness of character, while the habit effects the teeth and the general health.

Etiquette for Children.
Don't finger articles; don't play with your napkin, or your goblet, or your fork, or any other article on the table. Remember it is exceedingly rude to stretch across another's plate to reach anything. It is equally impolite to turn your back to one person for the purpose of talking to another. Don't talk across the one seated next to you.
Avoid slang as you would the plague. It is a great mistake to suppose that slang is in any way a substitute for wit. It is always ill bred, gewgawy, coarse, and not unfrequently foolish. And finally:
If you your ears
Would save from jeers,
These things keep meekly hid
Myself and I.
And mine and you,
And how I do or did.

Try Not to Be a Bore.
If you do not want to make yourself disagreeable—in short, if you do not wish to be a bore—never interrupt. To cut a person short in the middle of his or her story is unpardonable. One of the canons of good society is, briefly, "Do not contradict." Difference of opinion is no cause of offense, but down right contradiction is a violation of true etiquette. Try, when you have a story to tell, not to go into tedious details and branch off at any word; be direct, compact and clear, and reach the point as soon as you can. Do not indulge in the habit of continually talking on one subject, but select as topics of conversation matters in which people are generally interested.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

How a Youngster in Buffalo Proposed to Keep Lent.

A young woman teacher in one of the Episcopal Sunday schools a few Sundays ago had been seeking to convey to the minds of her little charges some idea of what constitutes a proper observance of the Lenten season. Among other things she told them that they should give up some of their pleasures, and to enforce this idea she asked each what they would let go until Easter. Freddie said he would stop eating candy; Willie volunteered to look up his checkered game of life; Charlie said he would not go to the theatre, and Louis decided to dispense with the syrup on his pancakes. "And now, Archie," said the teacher, coming to the last lamb of her flock, "what pleasure are you going to give up?" "I'm going to stop coming to Sunday school," was the prompt and decided answer.—Buffalo Express.

Passing Away.
Little Fanny looked intently at her mother for some time. Then she said:
"Mother, you ain't a girl, are you?"
"No, Fanny."
"What are you?"
"I am a woman."
"You were a girl once, weren't you?"
"Yes, Fanny."
"Well, where is that girl now?"—Jacksonville Hotel News.

Cooling a Room.
Two little brothers, confined to a room on account of sickness, observed that their mother frequently looked at a thermometer by which she regulated the heat of the room. One day she removed the thermometer.
"Joe," said the youngest, "won't be so warm now?"
"Why?"
"Cause, mamma took away that hot thing what was on the wall."—Boston Globe.

The Other One.
Marion was sitting at the open window and her father desired her to move away, as she would be likely to catch cold. "Oh, no," she said, "I will not." Her father insisted that she must do as he said. She was suddenly taken with a little fit of sneezing. "There, you have got cold now," exclaimed her father. Marion, not wishing to acknowledge it, replied, "Oh, no, I have not; that is my other cold."—Portland Argus.

The Old Man's Assistance.
"Remember, my boy," said Uncle James, as he gave Bobby a coin, "that if you take care of the pennies the dollars will take care of themselves."
Bobby looked a trifle dubious.
"I do take care of the pennies," he replied, "but as soon as they get to be dollars I take care of 'em."—New York Sun.

Blacker.
My little 4-year-old boy Harold was sitting in a colored girl's lap asking her all kinds of cunning questions. At last, looking at Bella very seriously, he asked:
"Bella, was you as black as you are now when you was a baby?"—Boston Globe.

Lived on One Another.
Bobby—Ma, wasn't there anybody left in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve were turned out?
Mother—No, Bobby.
Bobby (after thought)—Well, who fed the animals?—New York Sun.

An Extenuating Plea.
Mother (who, with her little boy, is dining at a friend's)—Johnnie, I am really ashamed of you. You never behave so badly at home, Johnnie—I know it, ma, but when I have a chance at a good dinner like this I'm apt to get excited.—Troy Press.

The Whole Barnyard.
Papa to Johnnie, 4 years old—Won't you have another piece of duck, Johnnie?
Johnnie—Yeth, thir, I believe I will. Duck'th my favorite chicken 'cept turkey.—New York World.

Quick Work.
"Just think, darling, a week ago we were utter strangers, and now we are engaged!"
"Ah! yes, Mr. De Hobson, dear, it was a case of love at first sight."
"Mr. De Hobson! Why don't you call me by my first name, darling?"
"Because, precious," the girl replied, shyly, "I don't know what it is."—New York Sun.

An Expert Accountant.
"Do you not think, Miss Smith," he pleaded, "that in time you might learn to love me?"
"Possibly," the girl replied. "If you could render me a statement of what you are worth, Mr. Jones, I might learn to love you. I'm very quick at figures."—New York Sun.

Right on Deck, They Were.
"Where was the African race 100 years ago?" asks Frederick Douglass. Nursing George Washington and attending on him, Frederick, every last solitary, lingering man, woman and pickaninny of 'em, sah; the whole endurin' crowd, kit, cluster an' filin' of 'em.—Burdette in Brooklyn Eagle.

Acquainted with the Natives.
Mike—Pat, if an Injun should get after yez, would yez run?
Pat—Shure and I wud not. I worked in a cigar store two weeks and a devil a bit am I afraid of Injuns.—New York Sun.

A Redeeming Feature.
"A rooster that strums on the piano is exciting the people of Salem, Ill." There is one thing to be said in favor of such a piano player. The rooster goes to bed at sundown.—Norristown Herald.

At a Texas Hotel.
Guest (to colored porter)—I want you to be sure and wake me up at 5 o'clock.
Porter—All right, boss. All yer has ter do is ter pull de bell when yer wants ter be woke.—The Mocking Bird.

In the Adjoining Room.
Bobby (listening intently)—Ma, is pa tutting up a stove in the parlor?
Mamma—No, dear, he is writing with his new fountain pen.—The Epoch.

Not in General Demand.
Customer (in restaurant)—Waiter, have you any hare soup?
Waiter—No, sah; mos' of de gentlemen w'at comes heah, sah, do n' ca' fo' ha' in dey soup.—Epoch.

Topknot of Wisdom.
It was a bald headed man who originated the motto, "There's plenty of room at the top."—Chicago News.

When Sweetness Will Reign Supreme.
Last year's maple sugar will be fresh in about four weeks.—Washington Critic.

He Would Never Learn.
Volapuk must be tiresome to the man who stutters.—Philadelphia Call.

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